

REMARKS

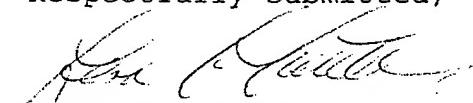
Applicants have amended the title of the application as requested by the Examiner in Section 4 of the non-final office action dated March 22, 2004 to describe more clearly the invention as claimed in the instant application. Please note that Applicants had requested this same amendment to the title in their July 22, 2004 amendment, but it appears from the information on the Notice of Allowance and Fee Due form dated March 13, 2006 that that amendment to the title was never made.

The Specification has also been amended to claim priority from the parent application, U.S. Serial No. 09/178,115, from which the instant application is a divisional. Also please note that this amendment had been previously requested in the Preliminary Amendment which was submitted at the time of filing the instant application.

For greater clarity and particularity, Applicants respectfully request the entry of an amendment to independent Claim 22 to replace the term "the MN protein" with the term "MN protein". That amendment is proposed to correct the lack of antecedent basis for "the MN protein" in independent Claim 22 [MPEP 2173.05(e), Lack of Antecedent Basis]. As the proposed amendment to Claim 22 is being filed before the payment of the issue fee and is a correction of a formal matter in Claim 22 which does not change the scope of the claim, Applicants respectfully submit that the proposed amendment meets the requirements of MPEP 714.16 and 37 CFR 1.312.

If the undersigned Attorney for the Applicants can be of any assistance in regard to this Amendment After Allowance, she can be reached at (415) 981-2034.

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